



# California ISO

## EXECUTIVE BIOGRAPHY

### **David Olsen**

#### **California ISO Board of Governors**

Governor Jerry Brown reappointed David Olsen to the California Independent System Operator Board of Governors in January 2016, to a term that expires December 31, 2018. The California Senate confirmed Mr. Olsen's reappointment on August 31, 2016. Mr. Olsen, of Ventura, was first appointed in April, 2012.

Mr. Olsen served as Managing Director of Western Grid Group (2003-2013), an organization of former western state energy officials advocating grid modernization, transition to a clean energy economy and creation of an Energy Imbalance Market in the western U.S. He organized and led California's Renewable Energy Transmission Initiative (2007-2010), and served as coordinator of the Tehachapi Collaborative Study Group (2005-2007, and of the Imperial Valley Study Group (2004-2005). In 2000-01, he led creation of the California Climate Action Registry, the first state registry of greenhouse gases and foundation for The Climate Registry that now includes 31 states.

As a business leader, he helped pioneer the clean energy industry in the U.S. and led development of wind, solar, hydro and geothermal power projects in more than 20 countries, as President of Clipper Windpower Development Company (2001-2003), Founder and President of Peak Power Corporation (1988-1995), Vice President of Magma Power (1993-1995), and President/CEO of Northern Power Systems (1984-1988). As President/CEO of Patagonia Inc. (1996-1999), he led the company to track and reduce its carbon emissions and to become the first US corporation to get its electricity from wind and solar power.